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SUBJECT: SINGAPORE REQUEST FOR ADDITION OF ITEMS TO GSP

REFS: A) 057706 B) STATE 50501
C) 77 STATE 248555

1. EMBASSY SHOULD INSERT FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS IN
LETTER TO GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE OUTLINED IN REF A.
2. PARA 2 OF LETTER. I REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT THIS
GSP REVIEW LED TO A DECISION TO MAKE NO CHANGE IN THE
DUTY STATUS OF THE PRODUCTS REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT
OF SINGAPORE. THESE PRODUCTS WERE ELECTRONIC TUBES,
TRANSISTORS (TSUS 687.60) AND ELECTRIC CLOCKS
(715.27 (PT.), 715.29 (PT.), AND 715.31 (PT)). THE
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PROCEDURES BY WHICH THIS CONCLUSION WAS REACHED ARE
DESCRIBED BELOW.

3. PARA 4 OF LETTER. THE TPSC IN REVIEWING YOUR
REQUEST TO MODIFY THE DUTY STATUS ON ELECTRIC CLOCKS
DETERMINED THAT THESE PRODUCTS ARE IMPORT-SENSITIVE
WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF GSP AND THAT IMPORTS OF THESE

ITEMS HAVE RISEN FROM POTENTIAL BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITHOUT GSP DUTY-FREE TREATMENT. REGARDING

ELECTRONIC TUBES, TRANSISTORS, THIS CATEGORY IS A LARGE BASKET CATEGORY WITH ABOUT 1 BILLION DOLLARS IN TRADE, THAT HAS EXPANDED GREATLY IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. AS A RESULT, AND IN CONNECTION WITH THE ONGOING MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA, THIS CATEGORY WILL BE DIVIDED UP INTO SEVERAL SEPARATE FIVE DIGIT TSUS NUMBERS. A US TECHNICAL COMMITTEE IS STILL WORKING ON THIS CHANGE. THUS, IT DID NOT SEEM APPROPRIATE FOR THE GSP SUBCOMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE ADDITION OF SOME OF THE ITEMS IN THIS BASKET CATEGORY AT THIS TIME BY "EXING-OUT" SOME PRODUCTS AND MAKING ONE OR MORE NEFIVE DIGIT CATEGORIES WHICH MIGHT BE COMPLETELY DIFERENT FROM THE CATEGORIES BEING ESTABLISHED FOR THE MTN. THEREFORE, FOR THIS PRODUCT ONLY, SINGAPORE MAY RE-PETITION FOR ALL OR SOME OF THE NEW CATEGORIES ESTABLISHED FOR THE MTN WITHOUT HAVING TO DEMONSTRATE "CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES" AS REQUIRED BY THE REGULATIONS, SINCE THE PETITION WAS DENIED FOR ESSENTIALLY TECHNICAL REASONS. OF COURSE, ANY NEW PETITION MUST CONTAIN THE NORMAL INFORMATION REQUIRED OF ALL PETITIONERS BY THE REGULATIONS.

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4. PARA 6. INSERT ELECTRIC CLOCKS IN PLACE OF THESE ARTICLES IN PARA 6 IN REFTTEL. VANCE

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